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1. AS SEEN FROM BUCHAREST, PERHAPS MOST NOTABLE ASPECT
OF CEAUSESCU'S ELEVEN-DAY TRIP TO MAURITANIA, SENEGAL,
GHANA, IVORY COAST AND NIGERIA WAS GOR'S STRONG AND OPEN
ADVOCACY OF PROPOSAL FOR AN LDC SUMMIT ORIGINALLY ADVANCED
BY PAKISTANI PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO. GOR FIRST EXPRESSED
ITS SUPPORT OF BHUTTO PROPOSAL DURING PRIME MINISTER
MANESCU'S VISIT TO PAKISTAN IN JANUARY. HOWEVER,

LANGUAGE IN MAJORITY OF COMMUNIQUE SIGNED DURING AFRICAN TRIP INDICATES THAT GOR HAS MOVED FROM MERE SUPPORTER TO A STRONG ADVOCATE OF PROPOSAL. ROMANIAN ENTHUSIASM IN THIS REGARD HAS NOT ESCAPED ATTENTION OF SOVIETS, EE'S OR INDIANS HERE.

2. EACH OF FIVE COMMUNIQUE SIGNED EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR LDC SUMMIT. ROMANIAN INPUT WAS MOST OBVIOUS IN CASE OF MAURITANIA AND SENEGAL WHERE LANGUAGE SPECIFICALLY NOTED ATTENDANCE AT SUCH A SUMMIT WAS NOT TO BE AFFECTED BY EITHER SOCIAL SYSTEM OR MEMBERSHIP IN MILITARY BLOCS. GHANA APPEARED MOST RELUCTANT OF FIVE WITH COMMUNIQUE STRESSING THOROUGH PREPARATIONS NECESSARY FOR SUCH A SUMMIT AND ESTABLISHING PRE-CONDITION THAT IT MUST SERVE LDC UNITY.

3. ANOTHER COMMON THEME WHICH RUNS THROUGH ALL COMMUNIQUE IS NEED FOR GREATER COOPERATION AND UNITY AMONG NON-ALIGNED, LDC'S AND GROUP OF 77. SINCE GOR IS FULL-FLEDGED MEMBER ONLY OF GROUP OF 77 (IT HAS ONLY GUEST STATUS IN NAM AND ITS LDC CREDENTIALS ARE SAID TO BE SUSPECT BY SOME OF POORER NATIONS) SUCH AS UNITY WOULD ALSO ADVANCE GOR'S POSITION IN THIRD WORLD.

4. INDIANS AND SOVIETS HAVE POINTED OUT THAT CEAUSESCU'S ADVOCACY OF A LDC SUMMIT SEEMS EVEN BROADER THAN WHAT BHUTTO ORIGINALLY PROPOSED, I.E. A "SUMMIT CONFERENCE OF THE THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES." SOVIETS ARE NOT ONLY SUSPICIOUS OF ROMANIAN MOTIVES, BUT SUSPECT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT BHUTTO MAY HAVE BEEN ACTING AS A FRONT-MAN FOR CHINESE WHO MIGHT ALSO WISH TO ATTEND SUCH A GATHERING.

5. INDIAN DCM (SZLHADRI) HERE CLAIMS THAT EVEN BEFORE MANESCU TRIP TO PAKISTAN, GOR WAS EAGER SUPPORTER OF PROPOSAL. PRIOR TO MANESCU VISIT SESHADRI ASKED ONE ROMANIAN MFA OFFICIAL WHY, AFTER HAVING BECOME FULL MEMBER OF GROUP OF 77 AND PERMANENT GUESTS AT NAM, GOR SOUGHT STILL ANOTHER LDC FORUM. HE WAS TOLD ANSWER WAS SIMPLE ONE. AT COLOMBO NAM SUMMIT PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU WAS UNABLE TO ADDRESS THE CONFERENCE. AS A RESULT, HE WAS NOW SEEKING SUCH AN OCCASION VIA SUPPORT OF PAKISTAN'S PROPOSAL.

6. COMMENT: ROMANIANS ARE OBVIOUSLY PREPARED TO FACE EXPECTED SOVIET AND INDIAN SUSPEICION OF THEIR SUPPORT FOR AN LDC SUMMIT. MORE UNCERTAIN IS THEIR WILLINGNESS TO OVERLOOK YUGOSLAV OBJECTIONS. AS A CO-FOUNDER OF NAM YUGOSLAVS NEITHER NEED NOR WANT ANOTHER LDC FORUM, AND IT HAS

ALREADY APPARENTLY URGED GOR TO GO SLOW IN ITS APPROACH TO
QUESTION (BUCHAREST 1912). WE SUSPECT SUBJECT WILL ALSO
BE RAISED IN SOON EXPECTED HIGH-LEVEL YUGOSLAV VISIT HERE.
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